GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MIXING OF ETHANOL IN PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mixing of ethanol in petrol is mandatory ;

(b) if so, whether this practice is still followed;

(c) if not, whether the Government has changed the decision in regard to the mixing of ethanol in petrol; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) Yes, sir. However, owing to continuous difficulties in sourcing ethanol consistently at reasonable prices, Gazette Notification No 705(E) dated 27.10.2004 was issued. In terms of the notification, as long as the prices of ethanol are competitive and reasonable, and supply of ethanol is adequate, the oil marketing companies are statutorily required to lift the same and supply the ethanol blended petrol in notified areas. The areas which have been notified are the States of Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Andhra Pradesh (all districts except Chittoor and Nellore), Tamil Nadu (only districts Coimbatore, Dindigul, Erode, Kanyakumari, Nilgiri, Ramanathpuram, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, and Virudhunagar), and the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

The Oil Marketing Companies have decided to invite tenders for procuring ethanol in terms of the Gazette notification dated 27.10.2004.